War Develops In Far East

FIERCE FIGHTING IN NORTH MALAYA

The conflict in the Far East continues to develop, particularly in Malaya and Philippines. In Northern Malaya, fierce fighting is reported between the Japanese and British forces. The vital aerodrome at Kota Bahru is now in Japanese hands.

The Japanese made fresh landings by parachutes in Northern Luzon in Philippines Islands. On the west coast of Luzon, however, the landing parties were repulsed. In the operations on the north coast of Luzon the Japanese lost a submarine chaser and the 29,000-ton battleship "Haruna".

The Cavite Naval base, Manila and the Luzon Island were subjected to intensive air attacks.

An offensive and defensive alliance has been signed between Thailand and Japan.

The landing of Japanese forces at Guam and their capture of the capital Agana are announced by the Army Department of the Imperial Japanese Headquarters in a *communique* quoted by the Domei Agency. The *communique* adds that 350 Americans among them the Commander and the Governor General as well as numerous other officers were taken prisoner.

A *communique* issued on Thursday night at Singapore states: In Northern Malaya there has been little to report during the past 24 hours. In Kedar our troops are in contact with the enemy near the frontier (Thailand), where local patrol encounters took place. In the Kuantan area our troops still hold the original frontier. Penang was heavily bombed this morning.

The *communique* also records that H.M.S. *Repulse* sank at 12-30, local time on December 10 and H.M.S. *Prince of Wales* about an hour later. Survivors were picked up by destroyers and landed at Singapore during the night.

Admiral Missing

It is officially announced that Admiral SirTom Phillips, the new Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern fleet who was aboard the *Prince of Wales* when she put to sea recently to engage the Japanese, is reported missing. Just before the battleship sailed three war correspondents were invited to go with her. Their fate will not be known until a general list of survivors is issued.

Trans-Pacific Cable Cut

The Japanese are reported to have cut the vital Trans-Pacific cable, connecting the United States with Hong Kong.

Japanese Ambition

Japanese ambition was defined by a Government spokesman in Tokyo. He said, according to Reuter, that the Japanese Navy was determined and prepared to secure for itself the Pacific and Indian Oceans. He warned the people of Japan that they must be prepared to carry on the war against Britain and America for 10 years.

Congress W. C. To Meet

The Congress Working Committee will meet at Bardoli on December 23 and subsequent days. The A. I. C. C. office is being temporarily shifted to Bardoli.

Mr. Huq Forms New Cabinet

Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, leader of the newly formed Progressive Coalition Party, has formed a new Cabinet in Bengal.

Mr. Huq's new Cabinet will, according to present indications, consist of about 15 members representing the various groups in the House, excepting the Europeans and the newly formed Muslim League Party and the group of scheduled caste members who are led by ex-Minister M. B. Mullick. Of the three Ministers whose names have already been officially announced, Mr. Huq is leader of the Progressive Coalition Party. The Nawab Bahadur of Dacca is an ex-President of the Provincial League and was a Minister in the outgoing Cabinet, and Dr. Syamaprosad Mookerjee is the leader of the Nationalist group, which consists of Hindu M.L.A.s. besides being the Working President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha.

The strength of the Progressive Coalition Party (meaning the Ministerial Party), which consists of the Progressive Assembly Party, the Congress Parliamentary Party (of Mr. Bose), the Nationalist Party, the Krishak Proja Party, the Independent Scheduled Caste Party and several unattached members, including three Anglo Indians will, according to a statement issued recently on behalf of the party, be about 134.

Main Opposition

The main Opposition in the Assembly, which meets tomorrow, will now be the Muslim League Party, with Sir Nazimuddin, ex-Home Minister, as its leader, and several other ex-Ministers as members. The strength of the Muslim League Party is stated to be between 55 and 60. Mr. Mullick's group of scheduled caste members who have declared their intention to work in co-operation with the Muslim League Party are about 10 in number. Besides these, the Opposition counts upon the co-operation of a few more members who are not attached to any group or party.

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Sinking of Battleships

Survivors Landed At Singapore

It is officially stated that the *Prince of Wales* and the *Repulse* were sunk by repeated attacks by bombers and torpedo planes.

It is officially stated that approximately 130 officers and 2,200 ratings were saved from the two warships and at least seven aircraft were destroyed during the attack.

About 700 survivors of the bettleships *Prince of Wales* and *Repulse* have been landed at Singapore.

H.M.S. *Prince of Wales'* complement was about 1,500. The cost was about seven million pounds. H.M.S. *Repulse* was a famous British battle cruiser and sister ship of H.M.S. *Renown*. The *Repulse* had a displacement of 32,000 tons and a complement of about 1,200. She could develop great speed—over 30 knots. Her main armaments were 6 fifteen-inch guns. She also had a big armament of 4-inch and AA guns.

Captain William Tennant, Commander of Repulse, is reported to have been rescued and has safely landed.

U.S. Rear-Admiral Killed

It is now stated that 122 persons were killed in the attack on Pearl Harbour.

The U.S. Navy announces that Rear-Admiral Isaac Campbell Kidd was killed in action during the attack on Pearl Harbour on Sunday.

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The European group in the Assembly consists of 25 members, with Mr. T. D. Hendry as its leader.

Sarat Bose Arrested

The Government of India, says a 'communique', are satisfied that there have been contacts of such a nature between Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose and the Japanese as to render his immediate apprehension necessary. They have, therefore, issued orders for his detention under the Defence of India Rules and he was arrested in Calcutta on Thursday afternoon.

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